

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH**

**F A C T   S H E E T**

**APPROVAL TO RENEW COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL  
HEALTH MEDI-CAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – UNIQUE GROUP  
PROVIDER WITH UCLA NEUROPSYCHIATRIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004**

**(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3)  
(3 VOTES)**

**REQUEST:**

Approve and delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health to prepare, sign, and execute renewal of a unique group Agreement with UCLA Neuropsychiatric and Behavioral Health Services (UCLA) for the provision of Medi-Cal specialty mental health services for Fiscal Year (FY) 2003-2004. This Agreement is Fee-For-Service (FFS) and will be effective upon Board approval or October 1, 2003; whichever is later, with a term of nine (9) months.

Request delegated authority for the Director of Mental Health to prepare, sign and execute Amendments to this Agreement as needed for FY 2003-2004.

**CONTRACTOR:**

UCLA, located at 10920 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1010, Los Angeles, CA 90024-6502, serves clients referred to them from all areas of Los Angeles County. These services include mental health services, medication support services, crisis stabilization services and patient/family education for various diseases/disorders. UCLA is self-insured and their services are provided by Physicians, Psychologists, Licensed Clinical Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Masters Licensed Nurses with a Masters Degree who are licensed by the State for independent practice.

**INTENT:**

Approval of the requested action will enable UCLA to continue providing a variety of mental health services under the Local Mental Health Plan (LMHP) to address the needs of eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries residing in Los Angeles County.

**JUSTIFICATION:**

DMH has had a Managed Care Agreement with UCLA since 1998. During the renewal process UCLA requested that their Agreement be revised to conform to the principles of the general terms and conditions in the DMH-UCLA Affiliation Agreement, approved by your Board on May 14, 2002.

UCLA agreed to provide needed services utilizing this short-term Agreement commencing on July 1, 2003 through September 30, 2003, until a unique Agreement could be developed. This short-term Agreement utilized the standard FFS Agreement format as approved by the Board on May 13, 2002.

There is no impact on net County cost for implementing the recommended action. The provider is reimbursed based on the State's adjudicated rates specified in the LMHP Provider Manual. This Agreement does not have a maximum contract amount, and is being funded by State Managed Care allocation and Federal Financial Participation Medi-Cal, which are included in the FY 2003-2004 Adopted Budget.

**CONTRACTING PROCESS:**

State regulations require a contractual agreement between DMH and Medi-Cal providers who provide specialty mental health services to Los Angeles County residents. As the LMHP, DMH is responsible for entering into contractual arrangement with individual and group providers who meet State and LMHP credentialing standards. DMH must ensure the availability and accessibility of adequate number of institutional facilities, service locations, service sites, and professional, allied and supportive personnel to provide medically necessary services, and ensure the authorization of services for urgent conditions. DMH continues to contract with interested providers who apply to participate in the Countywide Network.